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1. The Debrecen airfield is south of the city about 3 km from its center, between the Debrecen-Berecske-Bereettyoujfalva road and the Debrecen-Berecske-Nagyvarad/Sio/ railroad. The prevailing wind is from the northwest. Access to the field is by a road from the Debrecen-Berecske road and a spur line from the Debrecen-Berecske railroad. The field is about 2,000 by 4,500 m. The field and the area around it are quite flat, only the town itself forming a serious obstacle, although there are several small dairy farms with trees around the field.
2. The ground is a solid loam, grown with grass and quite dry. Only in heavy rains does it present any difficulties for large planes. The concrete runway runs northeast and southwest, 3,200 m long and 20 m broad.
3. The hangars and special buildings are on the northeast and northwest of the field, connected with the runway by a concrete apron. The field is equipped for night and blind flying. There is also a weather and radio station.
4. Enlargement of the field was completed in the fall of 1952.
5. There are strict day and night guards at the main entrance, the gasoline dump, at the command building and the hangars. Throughout the night searchlights play across the field and it is surrounded by barbed wire.
6. The Soviet air units were withdrawn at the end of 1952. The commander of the field is now a Hungarian major. Soviet planes often land, but always leave

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after a day or two. There have been observed 15 or 20 Hungarian MIG-15 jet fighters and 10 or 12 small training planes. Air activity is very considerable except on Saturdays and Sundays. The machines do not fly over the town. The Hungarian forces stationed at the field number some 600 men.

7. The cars observed were 2 passenger cars, 4 jeeps, 4 Wiepons, 2 tank cars, 5 Csepel 3-ton trucks and 3 towing units.

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Enclosure (A): Sketch Map of the Debrecen Airfield Area with Legend

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